

## Trauma Service Designation Definitions

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**Level I (Adult and Pediatric) Trauma Service** – provides the highest level of definitive and comprehensive surgical and medical care for trauma patients with multiple and complex injuries requiring the most specialized care. Trauma-trained emergency physicians, registered nurses, and general surgeons are in-house and available to the trauma patient within 5 minutes to initiate resuscitation and stabilization, and to direct patient care. A Level I must conduct applicable trauma research and injury prevention activities, provide statewide professional and community education, and consultative community outreach services.

**Level II (Adult and Pediatric) Trauma Service** – provides definitive comprehensive surgical and medical care for multi-system trauma patients. Trauma-trained emergency physicians and registered nurses are in-house and available to the trauma patient within 5 minutes to initiate resuscitation and stabilization. A trauma trained general surgeon is available within 20 minutes to direct patient care. A broad range of specialists, comprehensive diagnostic capabilities, and support services are available. Injury prevention activities, professional and community education, and consultative community outreach services are provided.

**Level III (Adult and Pediatric) Trauma Service** – provides comprehensive surgical and medical care for trauma patients. Trauma-trained emergency physicians and registered nurses are in-house and available within 5 minutes to initiate resuscitation and stabilization. A trauma trained general surgeon is available within 30 minutes to direct patient care. The general surgeon may provide treatment including surgery, or initiate transfer to a higher-level trauma service. Select specialty, diagnostic, and support services are available. Injury prevention activities are provided.

**Level IV Trauma Service** – provides initial resuscitation and stabilization. Trauma-trained registered nurses are in-house and available within 5 minutes to initiate resuscitation and stabilization, and trauma-trained physicians are on-call and available within 20 minutes to provide resuscitation, stabilization, and treatment, and to initiate transfer. Trauma-trained general surgeons and trauma critical care services may be available, but are not required. Standard diagnostic and support services are provided.

**Level V Trauma Service** – provides initial resuscitation, stabilization, and transfer of trauma patients. Trauma-trained physicians, physician assistants, or advanced registered nurse practitioners are available within 20 minutes. Level V facilities are rural hospitals or clinics.

**Level I (Adult and Pediatric) Trauma Rehabilitation Service** – provides in-patient rehabilitative treatment to trauma patients with traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, complicated amputations, and other diagnoses resulting in moderate to severe functional impairment.

**Level II Trauma Rehabilitation Service** – provides in-patient rehabilitative treatment to trauma patients with musculoskeletal trauma, peripheral nerve injuries, lower extremity amputations, and other diagnoses resulting in moderate to severe functional impairment.

**Level III Trauma Rehabilitation Service** – provides out-patient rehabilitative treatment to trauma patients with limited musculoskeletal injuries, peripheral nerve injuries, uncomplicated lower extremity amputations, and other diagnoses resulting in minimal to moderate functional impairment.